To: Music Teachers, Elementary School Principals and Parent Coordinators  
Charlottesville City Schools; Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson,  
Madison, Greene, Orange County Schools, other regional school districts;  
Area Private Schools; Area Home-School Groups  
From: Charlottesville Symphony  
Re: INVITATION TO DIGITAL YOUTH CONCERT

Dear Charlottesville Symphony School Partners,

Due to the acute shortage of school bus drivers in Central Virginia this fall, the Charlottesville Symphony decided to replace its annual Youth Concerts at Old Cabell Hall with a digital program, available to you and your students between January 2, 2023, and February 28, 2023, at no cost.

Everyone talks about the weather! Whether it’s clear and sunny or rainy and windy outside, the weather affects our lives every day. Join the Charlottesville Symphony, Music Director Benjamin Rous, and narrator and soprano soloist Sharin Apostolou for A Musical Forecast. This 36-minute program, produced at UVA’s Old Cabell Hall, explores weather phenomena, from rainbows and puffy white clouds to wind and thunderstorms - all while introducing students to the families of orchestral instruments.

The Charlottesville Symphony’s annual Youth Concerts are normally offered to fourth and fifth graders because those are the grades in which students in the Charlottesville City and Albemarle County Schools select the instruments that they would like to play in band and orchestra programs the following year. Our primary goal is to help them make informed choices. But we think that music teachers can confidently share this digital program with students of all ages and we encourage you to do so.

Program
Musical selections include excerpts from the following works:
Gioachino Rossini – Overture to William Tell
Richard Strauss – Also sprach Zarathustra
Bedřich Smetana – The Moldau
Antonio Vivaldi – “Winter” from The Four Seasons
Richard Wagner – “Ride of the Valkyries” from Die Walküre
Claude Debussy – “Nuages” from Nocturnes
Johann Strauss II – Thunder and Lightning Polka
Edvard Grieg – “In the Hall of the Mountain King” from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1
Harold Arlen – “Over the Rainbow” from The Wizard of Oz

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Streaming Request Procedure
Email:  symphony@virginia.edu to request access to the video. Please include the following to complete your registration:
- Your name
- Title
- School Name/Homeschool Group Name
- Number of students likely to view
- Grade level(s)

The video will be released on Monday, January 2, 2023, and remain available to schools through February 28, 2023. Registration requests will be accepted in advance, but the password and link will not be provided prior to January 2.

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Preparatory Materials:  A PDF of the Study Guide and a list of YouTube links will be posted to the Charlottesville Symphony’s website in early January:  https://cvillesymphony.org/education-community/youth-concerts/

Questions:  Janet Kaltenbach, Executive Director, Charlottesville Symphony Society, kaltenbach@virginia.edu